

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-412 (PACS A18) Construction Date: 1940

Name: Hamer / George Property

Location: 15052 Burnt Store Road, Hughesville, Charles County

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Restricted

Description:

The Hamer / George Property is a 1½-story, 5-bay, side-gable cottage, constructed in 1940, on the north side of Burnt Store Road in Hughesville, Charles County. The residence contains a gable addition on the east elevation, a shed roof dormer on the north (rear) elevation, and two front-gable dormers on the south (front) elevation. The property has one outbuilding. The structure is a prefabricated, wood-frame, gambrel roof shed with an asphalt shingle roof. The shed is located northeast of the main house. The property is set in a rural area along Burnt Store Road.

Significance:

The Hamer / George Property is a side-gable vernacular cottage on a .239 hectare (.59 acre) parcel on the north side of Burnt Store Road in Hughesville, Charles County, in southern Maryland. According to the records of the Charles County Tax Assessor, the house was constructed in 1940. The structure is not a significant resource, as it is an undistinguished example of a common building type. It has been significantly altered with the 1-story, gable addition projecting from the east elevation, and a shed-roof dormer has been added to the north elevation.

Preparer
P.A.C. Spero & Company
January 1997

Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
MD 5 - Hughesville Project

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Hamer / George Property

2. Location:

street & number 15052 Burnt Store Road ___ not for publication

city, town Hughesville ___ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Charles

3. Classification:

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
___ district	___ public	<u>X</u> occupied	___ agriculture ___ museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial ___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ education <u>X</u> private
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment residence
___ object	___ in process	<u>X</u> yes: restricted	___ government ___ religious
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial ___ scientific
	<u>X</u> not applicable	___ no	___ military ___ other:
			___ transportation

4. Owner of Property: (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Olga S. Hamer & Cynthia D. George

street & number 15052 Burnt Store Road

telephone no.:

city, town Hughesville

state and zip code MD 20637

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Charles County

liber 1978

street & number Charles Street

folio 13

city, town La Plata

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 2

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Hamer / George Property is a 1½-story, 5-bay, side-gable cottage, constructed in 1940, on the north side of Burnt Store Road in Hughesville, Charles County. The residence contains a gable addition on the east elevation, two gable dormers on the front (south) elevation, and a shed roof dormer on the rear (north) elevation.

The structure has an asphalt shingle, side-gable roof with an interior brick chimney at the intersection of the original section of the house and the gable addition. The residence is of masonry construction with a brick exterior. It also has a 4-light, wood-panel front door on the south elevation. A wood-panel door with an aluminum storm door is located on the east elevation and a wood-panel door with a shed roof entry porch supported by wood posts is located on the north elevation. The windows are primarily wood, 6/6 double-hung with metal storm windows.

The interior access was not available at the time of the survey.

The property has one outbuilding. The structure is a prefabricated, wood-frame, gambrel roof shed with an asphalt shingle roof. The shed is located northeast of the main house.

The property is a lightly wooded site approximately 213 meters (700 feet) west of the intersection of Burnt Store Road with Leonardtown Road. Its setting is a rural area containing mid-twentieth century residences.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communication	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1940

Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exceptions: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Hamer / George Property is a side-gable vernacular cottage on a .239 hectare (.59 acre) parcel on the north side of Burnt Store Road in Hughesville, Charles County, in southern Maryland. According to the records of the Charles County Tax Assessor, the house was constructed in 1940. However, there are no detailed, published historic maps of Charles County, Maryland that locate and indicate ownership of structures.

The Maryland Colony was granted by King Charles I to Lord Baltimore in 1632. Two years later, the first European community was established at St. Mary's City. Subsequent colonization moved north, along the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers. As settlers migrated away from St. Mary's City, the formation of a new county became necessary, and Charles County was founded in 1658. This area was originally inhabited by Algonquins of the Powhatan Confederacy. Road clearing began in the mid-eighteenth century as a result of the establishment of port towns and Maryland's rising population. Tobacco cultivation dominated the economic and social life of Charles County until the mid-nineteenth century when soil exhaustion required agricultural diversification. The introduction of rail lines in the late nineteenth century linked Charles County with the north and south, encouraging trade. While the suburbanization of Charles County was ensured by the widespread availability of the automobile in the mid-twentieth century, the County has retained its rural and agricultural character.

The area that became Hughesville was located in Lord Baltimore's grant of 6,879.9 hectares (17,000 acres) of Newport Hundred to Major William Boarman during 1650-1699. This land included the region "east of Zachiah Swamp" and became known as Boarman's Manor. Hughesville does not appear on an 1840 Map of a Part of Maryland, and Fisher's 1852 Gazetteer of the State of Maryland did not list the community. Hughesville was located at the crossroads of two of the main routes through Charles County: Burnt Store to Patuxent City and on to Annapolis, (Burnt Store Road and Prince Frederick Road/Route 231) and Bryantown to Charlotte Hall and on to St. Mary's City (Leonardtown Road/Route 5). Accordingly, Hughesville is shown on Martenet's 1866 Map of Maryland, Atlas Edition. The 1871 State Gazette and Merchants and Farmers Directory for Maryland and the District of Columbia called Hughesville a "post town." Bland's 1887 Maryland Directory and State Gazetteer listed both Episcopal and Roman Catholic churches in Hughesville as well as a Friends' school, four (4) general merchandise stores, two (2) saloons, two (2) undertakers, a wheelwright, a blacksmith, a tobacco buyer, and a population of fifty (50). Gannett's 1904 Gazetteer of Maryland defined Hughesville as a "post village...on the Washington,

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Potomac and Chesapeake Railroad" (Gannett 1904: 43). By 1906 the community was known as "a station of the Southern Maryland Railroad...and a banking town" with two (2) physicians, two (2) general stores, two (2) blacksmiths, a grist and saw mill, a flour mill, an undertaker and livery, a hotel, a hotel and saloon, a grocer and saloon, an insurance salesman, and a population of 150 (Maryland 1906: 667).

The Hamer / George Property is an example of a vernacular cottage. Between 1870 and 1940 the vernacular cottage style was typically built for Americans of modest means. They are characterized by simple ornamentation and mass-produced components, such as door frames, moldings, sash and window units, and porch decoration. The development of post-Civil War machinery capable of producing large amounts of standardized housing elements, such as those found in cottages, contributed greatly to the development of the modern American housing industry. Designs for vernacular cottages were obtained from popular magazines, such as House Beautiful, or carpenter's and builder's journals, such as American Builder. A variety of front-gable, side-gable, cross-gable and hipped roof frame cottages were developed in the early to mid-twentieth century. Front-gable and hipped roof cottages are primarily 1 to 1½-stories tall, 3-bays wide and several rooms deep. Side-gable and cross-gable structures are usually 2 to 2½-stories tall, are typically 2 to 3-bays in width and vary from one to three rooms deep. They usually include a porch covered with a shed roof. Porches are supported by posts often containing machine-produced Victorian ornamentation. Some cottages feature ornamentation drawn from Craftsman style or Colonial Revival architecture (Gottfried and Jennings 1988, viii-xv).

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1940, the Hamer / George Property is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. It is not eligible under Criterion A, as historic research conducted indicates no association with historic events or trends significant to national, state, or local history. Historic research also indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it is not eligible under Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as the structure is an undistinguished example of a common building type, and the historic character of the property has been altered. The integrity of the original rectangular form and plan of the house has been compromised with the 1-story, gable addition projecting from the east elevation. The addition also compromises the integrity of the original fenestration pattern and massing on the south, or front facade with two additional bays of windows. The dormers on the original house are covered with vinyl siding and a shed roof dormer has been added to the rear elevation. Finally, the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended _____

Eligibility Not Recommended X

Comments: _____

Reviewer, OPS: [Signature] Date: 5/20/98

Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature] Date: 5/20/98

[Signature]

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. CH-412 (PACS A18)

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Hughesville, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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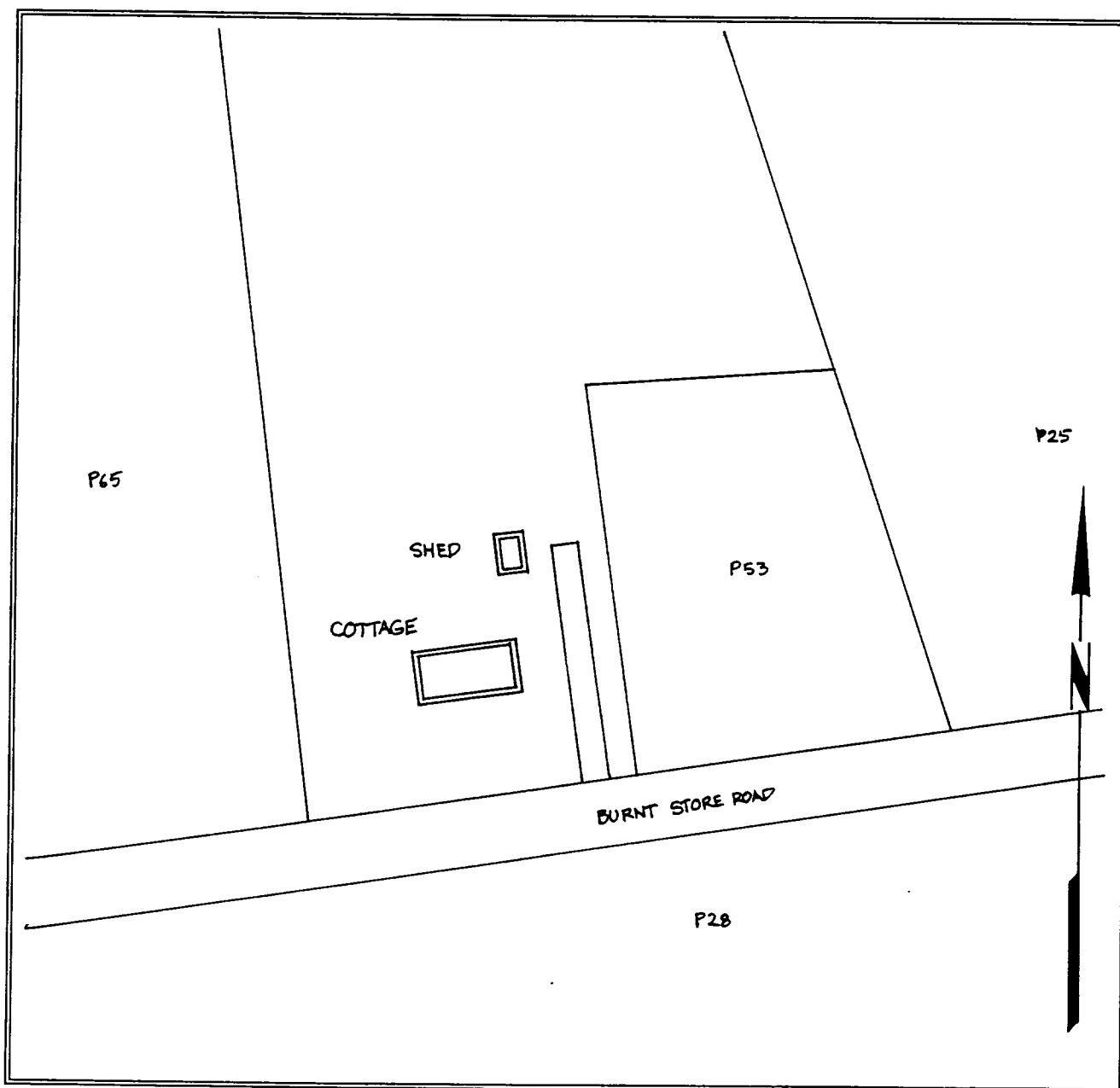
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Resource Sketch Map:



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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Buildings

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

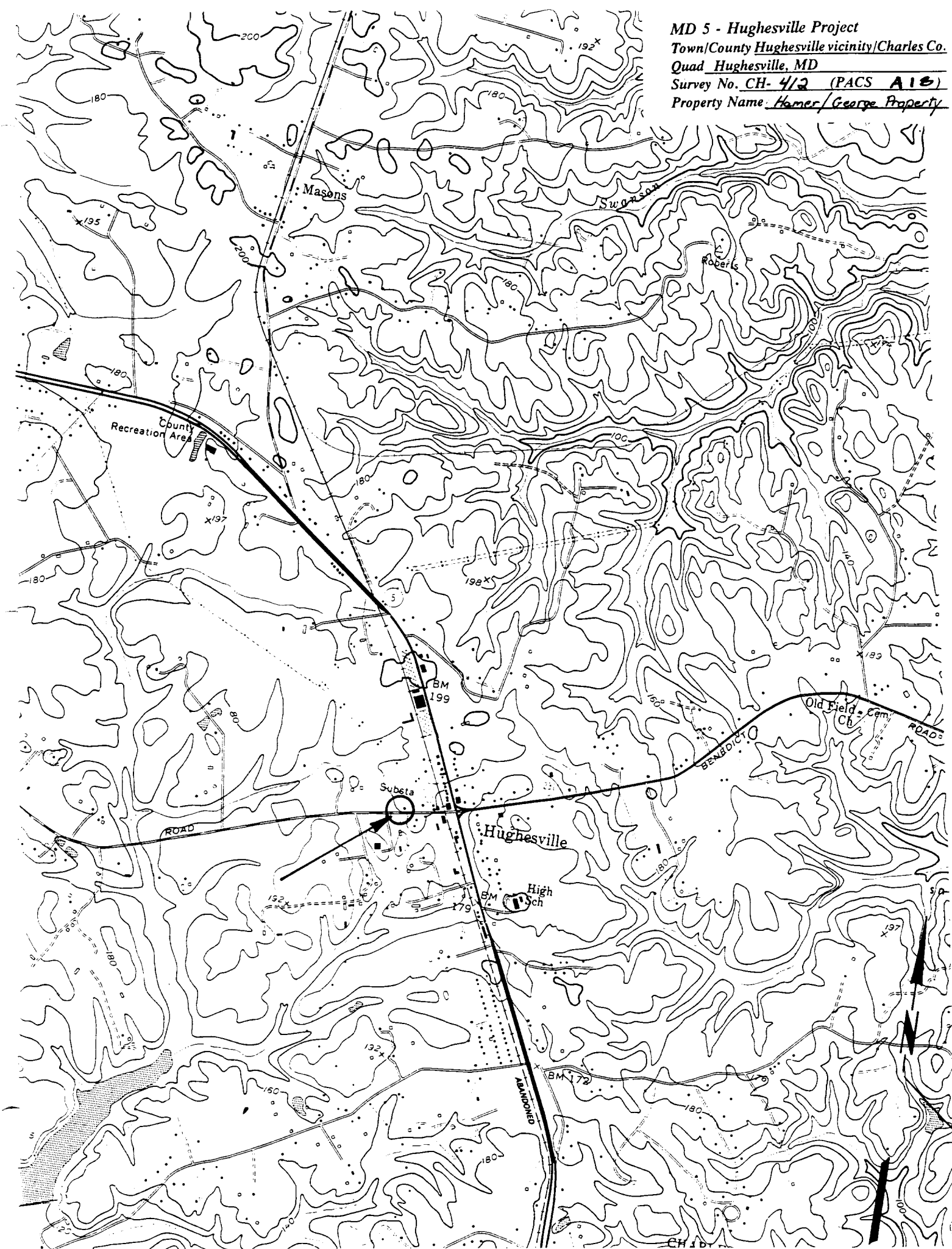
Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

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Town/County Hughesville vicinity/Charles Co.
Quad Hughesville, MD
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